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Chapter 22

PLEASE ANSWER MY QUES-TION
WHY DO YOU ASK...
.....
I SEE...
.....
SO SYPHER AND THE OTHERS ARE LIKE FATHERS— OR WELL, GRAND-FATHERS TO ME
I TOO LOST MY PARENTS WHEN I WAS STILL A CHILD
SO YES, I DO LOVE HER
NOT ONLY IS SHE MY MASTER, BUT SHE'S ALSO LIKE A MOTHER TO ME

THEY'RE PRECIOUS TO ME...

AND I LOVE THEM

I LOVE THEM SO...

AND IF THEIR LIVES ARE IN DANGER,...

IT'S THE VILLAGE!

THEN I CAN'T IGNORE IT!!

BLAZE MOST

SO MUCH

I HAVE TO DO IT...

NOT ONLY FOR THE WORLD

BUT ALSO FOR ALL THE PEOPLE I LOVE THAT LIVE IN IT— FOR MYSELF AS WELL.

I HAVE TO DO IT!!

ALL RIGHT
...I'M MOTI-VATED NOW
I JUST HOPE I CAN REALLY GET AS STRONG AS SYPHER SAID...
T-TELL ME YOUR HONEST OPINION, MISS CHATE-LAINE
DO YOU THINK I HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?
!
I HAVE TO FIGHT!!

I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT
AND WHY DON'T YOU TRY BELIEVING MORE IN YOUR OWN POWER TOO WHILE YOU'RE AT IT?
IF THEY REALLY ARE THAT PRECIOUS TO YOU, WHY DON'T YOU TRY BELIEVING THEM?
BUT NOW I KNOW YOU WERE RIGHT
THIS MAY SOUND ODD COMING FROM SOMEONE WHO COULDN'T MAKE UP HIS MIND UNTIL ONLY A FEW MINUTES AGO
YOU KNOW WHAT?
WHAT?

FEELING NEEDED BY SOME-ONE YOU LOVE...

DOES MAKE YOU REALLY HAPPY ...

SFX: BOING BOING

OH RIGHT...
SHOULDN'T YOU TALK TO MASTER SYPHER AND THE OTHERS FIRST?
BUT BEFORE THAT
IS SOMETHING WRONG...?
HMM...
PFF
WELL, IT'S KIND OF EMBARRASSING TO GO MEET THE PEOPLE I JUST SAID I LOVE AND ARE PRECIOUS TO ME AND SO ON...
I GUESS I SHOULD GO TALK TO THEM. HUH...
I-I'M SORRY
HEY! PLEASE DON'T LAUGH!

I'LL BE OFF THEN!
THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME!
?
MISS CHATELAINE
YOU'RE WELCOME
.....
I'VE CHANGED MY MIND, SYPHER. I'LL DO IT

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR IT?
YOU'LL HAVE TO SHOULDER A WHOLE LOT OF RESPONSIBILITY
I'M PREPARED TO FIGHT
YEAH!!
MAKE ME STRONG!!
SO PLEASE

ALL RIGHT!!
BAKI ..
THANK YOU
SURE THING

EH!?
AND HE TOLD ME ALL KINDS OF STUFF YOU GUYS DIDN'T TELL ME!
OH, BY THE WAY, I TALKED TO YOUR MASTER RUDOLPH A WHILE AGO
SFX: POKE OUT
!!?
YOU GUYS WOULD VANISH AND I DON'T WANT THAT
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE MY PLACE, SYPHER, NILAM
?
N-NO
SFX: SWISH
HMP SOME-THING ON MY FACE?
I LEFT BAK! THIS THOUGHT MESSAGE, HOPE YOU GET IT. I WON'T BE ABLE TO VISIT YOU FOR SOME TIME, BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT WE NEED TO TALK... MY TWO CLUMSY DISCIPLES
URK H-HEY WE DID HAVE A PLAN OF SORTS
SHAME ON YOU!!!
LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE... OUR MASTER HAD TO TAKE THE MATTER IN HIS OWN HANDS BECAUSE YOU TWO FAILED

OH YEAH I HAVE A FEW THINGS I WANT TO ASK YOU FIRST
ASK AWAY
FIRST OF ALL, BUORN YOU SAID IT APPEARED A HUNDRED YEARS ARO BUT THERE USED TO BE HUMANS THEN TOO, RIGHT?
BUT HOW COME I'VE NEVER HEARD ANYONE EVER TALK ABOUT A MONSTER SO BIG IT TOUCHES THE SKY SHOWING UP ON EARTH THEN? WHEN I STURIED IN A CHURCH IN ALCAPA, BUT BUORN NEVER CAMR UP AT ALL
THEN... ABOUT THAT TOWN CALLED CALVERONA...
THAT STORY SEEMED EPIC ENOURH TO BE THE STUFF OF COUNTLESS LEGENDS AND STORIES BY NOW...
THE BATTLE AT CALVERONA WAS A HUGE ALL-OUT WAR WITH FAIRIES AND DRAGONS AND STUFF RIGHT?
HOW COME NO ONE KNOWS ABOUT IT?
ALSO, WHY ARE YOU GUYS IN TOTALLY DIFFERENT PLACES?
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE "SANDS OF TIME" SPELL?
I FEEL LIKE IT'D BE MORE CONVEN-IENT IF YOU TWO WERE IN THE SAME PLACE...
LAST BUT NOT LEAST... DO I REALLY HAVE TO DO IT ALL BY MY-SELF?
I CAN'T EXPECT ANY HELP...?
HMM... WELL, I DID PROMISE I'D ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS
ALL RIGHT THEN...

NO ONE REMEMBERS THE BATTLE BECAUSE ALL MEMORY OF IT WAS SEALED AWAY ALONG WITH BUORN BACK THEN

IN CASE YOU WONDER WHY, IT WAS DONE TO PROTECT THE JAR BUORN WAS SEALED AWAY IN, OR OTHERWISE SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE TRIED TO FREE BUORN

THAT'S WHY RUDOLPH'S DESCENDANTS AND US, HIS DISCIPLES, ARE THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO KNOW OF IT

BUT WE DON'T KNOW IF THE MEMORY SEAL HAD ANY EFFECT ON DEMONS THAT WERE OUTSIDE OF ITS IMPACT RADIUS

AS FOR CALVERONA, THE CITY HAS SUNKEN INTO A LAKE, BUT IT STILL EXISTS ON THE GROUND OF THE LAKE. NO ONE KNOWS IT DOES DUE TO THE SEAL THOUGH

YOUR NEXT QUESTION WAS WHY WE ARE IN DIFFERENT PLACES

WE DON'T GET ALONG

IS WHAT YOU MIGHT THINK BUT NO

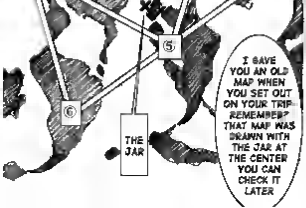
THE REAL REASON WE ARE IN DIFFERENT PLACES IS

TO SEAL THE JAR BUORN IS SEALED AWAY IN

!?

WE SET UP POSTS AROUND THE LOCATION OF THE JAR IN ORDER TO GUARD IT

1 SANTA ROSA
2 ORACLEBERRY
3 PORT SELMI
4 RURAPHIN
5 SALABONA
6 BEATRIX' VILLAGE (ON THE CHIZOD MOUNTAIN RANGE)
7 THE JAR



I GAVE YOU AN OLD MAP WHEN YOU SET OUT ON YOUR TRIP. REMEMBER? THAT MAP WAS DRAWN WITH THE JAR AT THE CENTER YOU CAN CHECK IT LATER

THE JAR

YOU'VE ALREADY MET ALL GUARDIANS ON YOUR JOURNEY SO FAR
WAIT, SO THE FIVE DISCIPLES ARE...
LET'S SEE...
IN PORT SELMI IS...
NITAK
IN ORACLE-BERNY THERE IS
YOU NILAM
IN SANTA ROSA THERE IS...
YOU SYPHER
WHAT ABOUT RURAPHIN...?
WAS THERE SOMEONE...?
AND IN CHIZOD IS...
MISS BEATRIX HUH
A TOWER NEAR THE TOWN THAT FUNCTIONS AS A SEAL POST
MASTER RUDOLPH BUILT IT HIMSELF
IN SALABONA IS...

W-WAS IT SOME GUY CALLED BENNETT?

I'LL ADD A FULL MOON HERB!!

RURAPHIN, WAIT A SECOND... NO WAY...

WELL, HE DID TEACH ME A GREAT SPELL, BUT HE MADE ME WORK SO HARD FOR IT

NEVER MIND. HE WAS A LITTLE WEIRD IS ALL.

YEAH... WHAT ABOUT HIM?

EVEN IF THERE IS NO RECOLLECTION OR RECORD OF WHAT HAPPENED BACK THEN LEFT, THE SEAL COULD STILL BE BROKEN BY SOMEONE OR SOMETHING... THAT'S WHY WE PUT A SEAL ON THE SEAL.

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

WE MADE IT SO THAT THE JAR CAN'T BE TOUCHED BY ANYONE BUT THE SUPERVISOR OF THE JAR, AND CAN'T BE MOVED AT ALL, NOT EVEN BY THE SUPER-VISOR.

Y-YEAH

ACCORDING TO THE MAP, THE JAR IS SOMEWHERE NORTH OF SALABONA... SO

A SMALL ISLAND NORTH OF SALA-BONA.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN ON THAT EERIE ISLAND I VISITED ON REQUEST OF MR. LILLIMAN... HUH?

YES LIKE I TOLD YOU BEFORE OUR MASTER ENTRUSTED US WITH THE TASK TO FIND A WAY TO DEFEAT BUORN FOR GOOD

INNER-ITED ?

ALONG WITH EVERYONE ELSE WHO INHERITED THE SAME MISSION AS YOU

ONTO THE NEXT QUESTION DON'T WORRY BAK! YOU WON'T BE FIGHTING ALONE

BRANVA-NIA WILL SUPPORT YOU

YOU WILL BE THE ONE TO DESTROY THE TOWER. BUT YOU WILL OBVIOUSLY NEED HELP GETTING THERE

BUT ALL THAT RESEARCH ENDED UP COSTING US A LOT OF TIME

IN ORDER TO DO THAT, EACH ONE OF US MAXED OUT ALL OUR STATS AND DEVELOPED ANTI-BUORN SKILLS AND SPELLS

WE STARTED TO RAISE AND TRAIN CHILDREN WE COULD PASS OUR ABILITIES ON TO

SINCE WE HAD ALREADY MADE USE OF THE SANDS OF TIME SPELL,

YO! STAYED OUT ALL NIGHT EH?

SFX: BRUSH

WHY ARE YOU STRESS-ED LIKE THAT?

CHATE-LAINE WHO BROUGHT YOU TO THIS VILLAGE AND EVERYONE ELSE IN THIS VILLAGE ARE ALL BEATRIX' DISCIPLES

YEAH, I... THINK SO

YOU PROBABLY KNOW WHO IS WHOSE DISCIPLE BY NOW, DON'T YOU?

SFX: CRASH

WELL THEN, LET'S GET CRACKING!!

WHAT? GOT A PROBLEM WITH IT?

EH!?

OKAY!! LET'S GO EXPLORE!! CAVES! MONSTERS! TREASURES! WE'RE COMING FOR Y'ALL!!

ALRIGHT, MAKE SURE TO PROCURE THE SHIP AS SOON AS YOU'RE DONE WITH THE JOB SO WE CAN GO HOME

EXSER CROW AND HIS PIRATE CREW WHO BROUGHT YOU HERE TO THIS CONTINENT ARE DISCIPLES OF NITAK

BAK!! THAT'S YOU!!

FINALLY, THERE'S NILAM S AND MY DISCIPLE!

RIGEL BENNETT DOESN'T HAVE A DISCIPLE YET. I'M SURE HE HAS HIS REASONS

YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, FORMER NEET!!

DO YOUR DAMN JOB!!

YOU TWO TOGETHER ONLY ONE DISCIPLE!? WHAT IN THE HELL WERE YOU DOING IN ALL THOSE YEARS!?

SIGH

JUST ME?

YEAH, JUST YOU

HM?

YOU DIDN'T FEEL ANYTHING WHEN YOU HAD IT WITH YOU?

OH RIGHT FORGOT ABOUT THAT!!

NOW, ABOUT THIS STONE!

NOT REALLY

NO

IT'S A MAGIC STONE OUR MASTER CREATED WITH ALCHEMY BY COMPRESSING A NUMBER OF THOSE ORES TOGETHER!

NOT QUITE

IT'S THE ORE THAT IS USED TO MAKE ITEMS THAT

WHY WOULD YOU GIVE ME A CRAZY STONE LIKE THAT

!!?

IT'S SO CHOCK FULL OF MAGICAL POWER THAT YOU COULD PRACTICALLY PRODUCE AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF SAID ITEMS FROM IT

RESTORE HEALTH OR MAGIC POINTS LIKE THE PRAYER RING THE SORCERER'S STONE THE GODDESS RING AND SO ON

IT'S A SHAME WE CAN'T PUT SUCH A POWERFUL ITEM TO USE, REALLY
NEITHER OF US HAVE BEEN ABLE TO EXTRACT ANY MAGICAL POWER OUT OF IT
MASTER RUDOLPH LEFT US THE STONE HOPING WE COULD USE IT BUT...
WHY DID YOU GIVE THIS MAN THE MAGIC STONE IN THE FIRST PLACE?
SYPHER, CARE TO EXPLAIN?
AH
HERE YOU GO
THERE WOULD BE SOME SORT OF DIVINE GUIDANCE OR SOMETHING...
I WAS HOPING, IF I GIVE HIM THE STONE,
BAKI WAS SOMEONE I HADN'T MET BEFORE IN MY LIFE. HE KEPT SURPASSING MY EXPECTATIONS OVER AND OVER AGAIN...
WELL, I FIGURED INSTEAD OF LEAVING IT TO COLLECT DUST IN MY CARE...
OH, SHUT UP!!
AND HERE I THOUGHT YOU HAD LOST YOUR MARBLES
IT'D BE WISER TO GIVE IT TO BAKI AND SEE IF IT REACTS TO ANYONE

?
AND THEN
SOME-THING AMAZING HAPPEN-ED
I TOLD BAK! IT'S A CHARM WHEN I GAVE IT TO HIM
I MADE SURE THAT I ALWAYS KNEW WHERE HE IS AND WHAT HE IS DOING
THE STONE ACTUALLY REACTED TO HIM
YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T FEEL ANY-THING, BAK!
IT DID!?
BUT THAT STONE HAS ALREADY LENT YOU IT'S POWER TWICE
HUH?

DO YOU REMEMBER THAT ONE TIME IN ALCAPA WHEN...
YOU MANAGED TO CAST SALE EVEN THOUGH YOU WERE OUT OF MP?
SALE!!
THAT WAS
HEHE
...!?
OH YEAH COME TO THINK OF IT...
I GUESS THAT DID HAPPEN ONCE...
!!?
BUT IT WAS ONLY A MOMENTARY THING...
EVEN THOUGH I TRAINED YOU HARD WHEN YOU RETURNED TO SANTA ROSA IN ORDER TO TRIGGER IT, IT DIDN'T WORK
THE NEXT TIME WAS...
AFTER YOU MET NILAM... THERE WAS A REACTION ON YOUR WAY BACK TO SALABONA
HUH?
OH YEAH... WHEN I USED RETURN TWICE IN ONE DAY, HUH?
IT WASN'T MUCH... BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO DRAW POWER FROM IT
YOU'VE MANAGED TO DO WHAT NO ONE ELSE COULD SO FAR, AND UNCONSCIOUSLY AT THAT
.....

THE POWER OF THE MAGIC STONE,
COMBINED WITH
LIKE WE ALREADY TOLD YOU LAST TIME, WITH YOUR BATTLE AURA AND YOUR MONSTER SKILLS,
YOU CAN WIN THE WAR IN GRANVANIA
AND THE BATTLE AGAINST BJORN!!

SFX: SWOOSH
!!?
WH-WHAT'S GOING ON?
WE CAN'T USE THESE SO-CALLED TRAVEL DOORS FOR TELEPORTATION BUT WE CAN USE THEM TO CONNECT US LIKE WE'RE IN THE SAME ROOM
WE'LL START TRAINING YOU HERE IN THIS ROOM NOW
KEEP IN MIND THOUGH WHEN WE SAY YOU CAN WIN
ALL WE MEAN IS THAT YOU MEET THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS
YOU STILL HAVE TO PERFECT YOUR SKILLS
FROM TODAY ON NILAM AND I WILL HELP YOU TRAIN YOUR BATTLE AURA AND MONSTER SKILLS
BEATRIX WILL TEACH YOU HOW THE MAGIC STONE WAS MADE AND HOW YOU CAN DRAW MAGICAL POWER FROM IT WHENEVER YOU WANT
AND OUTSIDE, YOU WILL CONTINUE THE MAGIC SWORD TRAINING JUST AS BEFORE

ONLY RESULTS WILL MATTER

FROM TODAY ON, YOU WON'T GET ANY POINTS FOR EFFORT ANYMORE

SFX WHIP

BAKI!!

DO YOU UNDER-STAND?

YEAH!!

!!
WHAT? DID YOU MAKE A MISTAKE AGAIN... SLAN HONEY?
OW OW OW!
AHH!
SFX KER-CHAK
HEY!!
ARE YOU OKAY !?
WHOOPS, I CUT MYSELF
SHE'S NOT BLEED-ING!!?

...?
HEHE HE
GUESS I MESSED UP AGAIN
HEAL
MISS MAREETA?
HUH... WHAT'S WRONG?
SFX: GUN
SLAN, HONEY, ARE...
YOU... HUMAN?
JUST NOW YOU CUT YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?
YEAH
WHY...
WHY WEREN'T YOU BLEEDING?

Appendix:

Characters in chapter 22:

Baki

Slan

Chatelaine

Beatrix

Nilam

Sypher

Mareeta

Rabert Rudalph

Spells in chapter 22:

- Heal

Lacations in chapter 22:

- Chizad (Battenburg)
- Granvania (Gotha)